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Custer Hill Elementary families begin school year by having fun.

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Flag football league play under way

Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf., wins its opener.

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Around The Army**Armywide:**

The European Stars and Stripes reported Sept. 23 that the Pentagon wants to add to the Uniform Code of Military Justice a charge specifically addressing prostitution and affixing a maximum punishment of one year of confinement and a dishonorable discharge for anyone convicted of paying a prostitute for sex. If approved, the charge would be applicable even in countries where prostitution is legal.

Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary for defense for personnel and readiness, said he anticipates the drafted Article 134 of the UCMJ will become military law early next year; it now is part of the 2004 annual review of proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial and is undergoing the mandatory 60-day public notice and comment period after being published in the Federal Register.

For more on this story and U.S. military news in the European and Pacific theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Belvoir:

The Eagle reported Sept. 16 that military police and housing area mayors are clamping down on speeding in neighborhoods on post. With children back in school, mayors are seeking help to eliminate speeding.

The speed limit in the post's housing areas is 15 miles per hour. On some roads, the speeds may vary. According to mayors and the military police, many drivers are violating the law.

In Fairfax Village, speed violators include delivery workers, teenagers and residents, Burger said. But the majority of those speeding don't live in the neighborhood, she said.

For more about this story and other Fort Belvoir news, visit www.belvoir.eagle.com on the Web.

Fort Bliss:

The Monitor reported Sept. 16 that a local radio station was promoting an effort to raise one million minutes of phone time for Fort Bliss troops deployed overseas. Organizers began the effort in July and had obtained 200,000 minutes as of Sept. 11.

For more on this story and other Fort Bliss news, visit www.lavenpublishing.com/monitor on the Web.

Iraq:

Military officials reported Sept. 23 that charges have been preferred against two Task Force Baghdad Soldiers alleging they were involved in wrongfully killing three Iraqis.

The Soldiers charged are Sgt. Michael Williams and Spc. Brent May, members of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry.

The Army's Criminal Investigation Division is currently investigating the allegations. The investigation is on-going.

Approximately 750 Soldiers of 1st Bn., 41st Inf., deployed three months ago in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The unit is attached to the 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas.

More 1st BCT Soldiers return

Families, friends dress in style to attract loved ones' quick attention

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

About 350 Soldiers of the Devil Brigade returned from Iraq late Sept. 19 and early Sept. 20. The 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, deployed in September 2003 in support of

Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In order to catch the eye of their special Soldier, many family members brought balloons and posters painted with bright colors. Some families dressed in matching clothes for the occasion.

More than 20 family and extended family members of 2nd

Lt. Scott Payne, Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, wore white T-shirts with a big red one on the front and the lieutenant's name on the back.

The family was excited to have him back, said his father, John Payne.

"It was a tough year not having

him around," he added. "His twin sister was married in March and Scott couldn't be there."

Staff Sgt. David Foote was met by his parents, wife, children and neighbors all wearing hunter orange T-shirts.

"It's so he can find us," said his father, Gordon Foote. "He knows

all about hunter's orange."

With her husband in Iraq, Foote's wife, Patty, had to be both mom and dad to their four children and grandchild.

"It was hard," she said. "Thank God for my [neighborhood]."

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Ambushed



Photo/Blackmon

Pvt. Fidel Vazquez (left) of Co. C, 125th FSB, and paintballer Jake Pullen shoot at a Humvee during a training exercise Sept. 15.

Paintballers add realism to convoy drill

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

Paintball terrorists ambushed a convoy Sept. 15 as part of a training exercise on Fort Riley.

First Lt. Eric Corbett, evac platoon leader for Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion, called Skylar Anderson, manager of Koehn Extreme Sports in Manhattan looking for assistance. Anderson then made a phone call to fellow paintballer Jake Pullen.

"We got a call asking if we knew any paintballers who would like to ambush a convoy on Fort Riley, and I told him I probably did. I was on the phone for about an hour calling everybody, and they were all like, yep, we're taking off work or skipping class," Jake said.

Nine paintballers and two 125th FSB Soldiers dispersed in small clusters along a road at the Fort Riley training area the day of the planned attack. Hiding in various spots, the group's job was to launch a surprise attack on a convoy of 25 Soldiers from 125th FSB and two Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor.

"This exercise was a bit different for the group, Jake said. "We do scenario paintball where we do similar tactics like this, but it's not against military personnel and there

are a little bigger vehicles here. They were moving faster, and they (the Soldiers) were a little more enthusiastic than a lot of people we come up against, better teamwork," Jake said.

While hiding in the tall grass, members in the first group of attackers said they could hear the convoy in the distance.

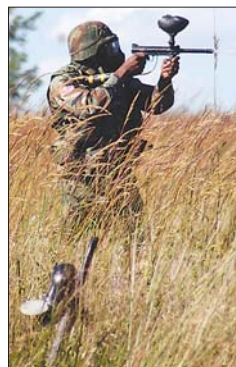
"It's kind of intense when they're rolling up on you, the sound and all," said Joe Pullen.

As the convoy rolled by, Joe laid his weapon on the ground and held up a baby doll and a bouquet of flowers, screaming, "I love America!" He said he wanted to do something to get them not to shoot at him so he could then launch a surprise attack.

"The baby definitely came under some fire. They're shooting and I'm like, 'no, I love America!' and I've got my gun sitting right in front of me. So I picked it up and started shooting at them," he said.

"I really enjoyed popping up out of nowhere on the convoy. They didn't expect it. We were coming out of nowhere,"

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A Soldier from Co. C, 125th FSB, stands next to a fallen comrade as he fires at paintball terrorists Sept. 15.

Fort Riley opens heart

Soldiers make youngster's dream reality

Staff report

A 7-year-old child with leukemia visited Fort Riley to play Soldier for the day Sept. 20.

Phillip Shriver of Lenexa, Kan., had one wish - to be a Soldier. Fort Riley helped him realize that dream with the coordination of the Make a Wish Foundation of Kansas.

Shriver expressed a particular interest in helicopters. His mother, Lisa, said Shriver would like to

Phillip Shriver

Next week

The Post plans a complete story with photos on Shriver's visit.

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Second shooting victim dies

Staff report

Spc. Christopher Hymer died Sept. 18 due to injuries sustained during a Sept. 13 shooting incident in rural Clay County, Kan.

Hymer was assigned to the Rear Detachment of 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

He enlisted in the Army in October 2000. Hymer had been stationed at Fort Riley since April 2001. He was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom March-July 2003.

Hymer was from Nevada, Mo. Hymer is the second Soldier to die as a result of the shooting. Staff Sgt. Matthew Werner of 1st Bn., 41st Inf., was killed in the shooting. Two other 1st Bn., 41st Inf. Soldiers, Sgt. Eric Colvin and Sgt. Aaron Stanley, were charged with first degree murder Sept. 15 by Clay County officials. The incident is under investigation.

Memorial service honors sacrifice

Aneiros remembered as confident Soldier, future leader

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer



Spc. Yoe Aneiros

Members of the Fort Riley military and civilian community gathered at Morris Hill Chapel Sept. 21 to honor and remember Spc. Yoe M. Aneiros, an M-1 tank crewman assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, killed near Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, while conducting mounted combat operations. Aneiros joined the Army in September 2002 and was assigned to Fort Riley in January 2003.

Aneiros deployed to Iraq as part of Task Force 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, on June 16 for his second combat tour. In March 2003, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and then later Operation Iraqi Freedom, participating in the liberation of Iraq.

He was the 42nd Fort Riley soldier killed while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Aneiros believed in what he was doing and why he was there," said Staff Sgt. George

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Post news in brief

'In Step' show times change

Programming conflicts with CBS will change the time "In Step with Fort Riley" airs on some Sundays through Dec. 19. Instead of its normally scheduled slot of 7 a.m. The show will air at the following times and dates:

The Oct. 3 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 2.

The Oct. 17 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 16.

The Dec. 5 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 4.

The Dec. 12 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 11.

The Dec. 19 show will air at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 18.

Public works to flush system

Public Works will continue efforts to keep Fort Riley's water clear by flushing the water distribution system starting Oct. 4.

The schedule for flushing is:

Oct. 4 – Main Post and Whiteside areas

Oct. 5 – Custer Hill housing areas

Oct. 6 – Custer Hill troop area

Oct. 7 – Custer Hill motor pool areas

Oct. 8 – Camp Forsyth, Camp Funston and Marshall Army Airfield areas

Flushing of the water mains will begin at 8 a.m. each day and continue until complete. Occupants of the affected area must refrain from using hot water during this period. To facilitate flushing, residents should not park directly across from fire hydrants.

When flushing of an area is complete, area occupants should clear the water lines in their quarters. This is accomplished by opening all cold water faucets and letting them run until the water runs clear.

The hot water faucets should be opened next to clear any remaining discoloration.

The time required for the water to clear depends on the amount of water used during the flushing.

If the water does not clear up after 30 minutes, call the Service Order Desk at 239-0900. For more information, call Don Wainwright at Public Works, 239-3908, during normal working hours.

Correction:

In the Sept. 17 issue of the Post, the office Kathryn Martin works in was incorrect. She works in the Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

A firing squad honors the late Spc. Yoc Aneiros with a 21-gun salute during a memorial service at Morris Hill Chapel Sept. 21. Aneiros was killed while serving in Iraq.

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Wible Jr. about the fellow Soldier and friend he said had an infectious smile.

"We will miss his smile," he said.

"One of my two favorite pictures of my deployment was of Spc. Aneiros and an 8-year-old Iraqi boy he befriended," Wible told the crowd attending his fallen comrade's memorial service. "The boy was standing next to Aneiros wearing a flak vest and Kevlar helmet, eating a Meal Ready to Eat. The other picture is of the boy, Aneiros and myself."

Wible explained how they were trying to befriend and protect the Iraqis while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Those two pictures of the 8-year-old boy depict how one Soldier had the ability to accomplish it," he said.

"He truly represented all of the Army's values because he was a great Soldier, great husband and a great friend," Wible said.

First Lt. Mathew Killian read aloud a letter from Aneiros' for-

mer tank commander, Staff Sgt. Jose Maldonado, saying, "Spc. Aneiros was a Soldier who loved being a Soldier. With his infectious smile and youthful enthusiasm, he was a great example and role model. I appreciate the privilege of having served with him."

"He was a confident, sure-willed Soldier when I met him," Killian said. "He would ask me what makes a good noncommissioned officer and would try to mold himself to my answers. Truth is, he was already an excellent Soldier with the skills to become an excellent leader, given time."

"He was always trying to better himself," Killian said in a rather shaky voice. "I'm so sorry for your loss."

Aneiros was a leader amongst his peers, said 1st Lt. Aaron Nelson about the 20-year-old Soldier who had given his all for his country. "He was a brother in arms with high morale and high performance."

Born in Havana, Cuba, Sept. 7,

1984, Aneiros left behind everything he knew in his native Cuba when he migrated to New York at age 15 years old, said Chap. (Capt.) Glenn Palmer of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor. "He had made this country his new home because he wanted better."

Aneiros received his U.S. citizenship shortly before giving his life for his adoptive country. "He laid down his life for his new country and his fellow Soldiers," Palmer said. "A young man shouldn't die on his 20th birthday."

On Sept. 11, Aneiros received a posthumous recommendation to be promoted to sergeant.

He is survived by his wife, Alexandria, and his parents, Clara Gonzalez and Manuel Aneiros.

Aneiros' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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be a helicopter pilot someday.

Plans for Shriver's day at Fort Riley included being flown to the post by Company B, 158th Aviation, a National Guard unit based in Olathe, Kan.

Soldiers from 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, took Shriver and his parents to a firing range, the Engagement Skills Trainer and a motor pool. For lunch, Shriver ate at a dining facility.

His afternoon included a tour of the Close Combat Tactical Trainer, mounted color guard stables and Marshall Army Air Field.

Shriver was given an honorary promotion to the rank of command sergeant major by CSM Gilbert Canuela, division command sergeant major.

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Post news in brief

Holiday alters trash pick-up

The trash collection on post will change Oct. 11-15 in observance of Columbus Day. The schedule is:

Oct. 11 – No pick up.

Oct. 12 – Colver Manor, Main Post, Marshall Field.

Oct. 13 – Ellis Heights, O'Donnell Heights, Montieth Heights and Peterson Heights (north of Thomas Avenue). Dumpsters at Buildings 28, 45, 470, 540, 542 and 5309.

Oct. 14 – Warner Heights and Burnside Heights. (No change from regular schedule.)

Oct. 15 – Meade Heights, McClellan Heights, South Warner Heights, South Peterson Heights (south of Thomas Avenue). (No change from regular schedule.)

School district needs forms

Parents of students in Geary County USD 475 are advised that the district distributed Federal Impact Aid Survey forms Sept. 20 for students attending the public schools in Junction City, Fort Riley, Milford and Grandview Plaza.

The survey forms were sent home with elementary students. The forms will be mailed to the parents of middle and high school students.

Parents are asked to complete, sign and return the forms as soon as possible.

The purpose of the Federal Impact Aid Survey Forms is to provide an official verification and record of all students whose parents are federally connected on Sept. 20, the district's official enrollment counting date.

These forms are an important part of the district's financial support because slightly more than 50 percent of the students in USD 475 have parents on active duty status at Fort Riley.

Custer House closing for work

The Custer House will not be available for tours from Oct. 4 to Feb. 1, 2005, due to planned renovations.

The U.S. Cavalry Museum and the Fort Riley Regimental Museum will still be available for self-guided tours.

The U.S. Cavalry Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

The Fort Riley Regimental Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

For information, call 239-2737.

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Eye surgery lightens combat load, hassle

Irwin hospital offers surgery to post Soldiers

By James Tamez

19th PAD

Soldiers who wish to lose the additional equipment and frustration that comes with needing prescription eyeglasses and lenses need look no farther than Irwin Army Community Hospital.

The Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program offers eye surgery for Soldiers at Fort Riley who are tired of having to deal with their eyewear prescriptions.

"There is an overall program, abbreviated WRESP, based out of Washington, D.C.," said Dr. (Maj.) William K. Wong, the hospital's chief of ophthalmology. "However, it is not available to everybody. This is mainly because it is limited to certain locations where they have the personnel and the actual laser setup."

PRK (photorefractive keratectomy) and LASIK (laser keratomileusis) surgeries are available for active duty Soldiers stationed at Fort Riley, but the surgeries are not performed at the hospital.

"What I have done is arranged with Fort Hood, Texas, to use their facility," Wong said. "Now I travel down there almost once a month. Previously it was more like four times a year."

About 12 Soldiers go on each trip and close to 70 Soldiers have been treated in the past few years, Wong said.

The results have been very positive, in view of information Wong provided. About 95 percent of the Soldiers getting the surgery now have at least 20/40 vision without glasses.

Only one person still has a minor eye prescription.

The surgery takes little time, but Wong said the recovery period could be lengthy.

A pre-operation evaluation generally takes 45 to 60 minutes, Wong said. The actual procedure generally takes 40 to 60 seconds for each eye.

Surgery requirements

- **Must be an active-duty Soldier.**
- **Priority one given to Soldiers in the combat arms and assigned to a unit whose mission involves operations at the time of battle or behind hostile lines, priority two given to combat service support unit Soldiers assigned to a division or separate brigade and priority three given to other active-duty personnel. Priority three Soldiers may have the surgery when space is available.**
- **Soldier must have at least 18 months remaining on active duty at the time of surgery or in conjunction with an executed re-enlistment.**
- **Soldier must have served at least 12 months in a first- or second-priority unit.**
- **Soldier must have the ability to return to the surgical center for follow-up visits specified by the surgeon as necessary for post-operative care.**
- **If the circumstances of a Soldier selected for surgery change in a way that violates any of the criteria, the Soldier loses eligibility for the surgery.**
- **Refractive eye surgery is not a TRICARE-covered benefit.**

A pamphlet is available at Wong's office that talks about WRESP. For Soldiers and line units who are interested in WRESP, contact Pvt. Francisco Bernal at 239-7891.

After the surgery, the Soldier will receive a two-week profile preventing field duty, Wong added. A one-month profile requires the Soldier to wear sunglasses. Any other profiles will depend on how the Soldier is progressing.

Soldiers who are interested in WRESP must first meet certain guidelines.

"This involves a minimum amount of individual service time, obligation and time at station," Wong said.

Wong said. "Other than that, the Soldier has to be within the medical parameters."

After Soldiers meet the required conditions, their names are placed on a waiting list, which currently has more than 200 names on it. Some of those individuals may be deployed or are no longer eligible for the surgery, so it is up to the Soldier to check on the updated list, Wong said.

Certain expenses on the trip must be covered by the line unit

and the Soldier, Wong added.

"The only way we were able to do this is by having the line units themselves pay for it," Wong said. The unit must pay travel and temporary duty costs for the Soldier, Wong and a technician.

"The procedure itself is at no cost to the Soldier. However, the Soldiers themselves will have to receive a permissive TDY status for three days and cover their own food and lodging," Wong said.

"This is a great service that we can offer for the Soldiers," Wong said. "I had the surgery almost a year ago. When we went out to Iraq, it was great not having to deal with my glasses," he said.

Some possible risks are infection and haze formation on the cornea, both of which can lead to permanent vision loss. There also is a risk of inflammation.

Possible side effects include seeing halos and starbursts around lights at night and loss in night vision.

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Soldiers to get flu shots

Deploying Soldiers can expect to report to the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic with their sleeves rolled up for their annual flu shots in mid-October at the earliest. All non-deploying, active duty Soldiers will be scheduled as the vaccine becomes available.

For information about scheduling a unit for the required vaccination, call Capt. Susan Gartung at the CTMC, 239-4411, or Maj. Todd Vento at the Preventive Medicine Service, 239-7386.

Post limits Soldier support

Because of world affairs, Fort Riley's community support is extremely limited. Until about Feb. 1, 2005, community members may not receive Fort Riley support for color guards and requests for military equipment.

Fort Riley will continue to support requests for the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard, on-post tours and speakers.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 239-3033.

Support center slates classes

Several classes have been scheduled at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 on Custer Hill, to help Soldiers and their families. Classes include:

Money Management for Family Members from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sept. 30.

Free childcare will be available for both sessions. Sign-in for childcare will begin 30 minutes before the class. Parents must bring their child's shot records.

Pre-registration is required for the workshop and childcare **Suicide Awareness for Family Members** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6.

The primary goal of this class is to inform, educate and prepare Family Readiness Group advisors, leaders and concerned community members to recognize and assist others in their community who may be at risk of suicide.

Free child care will be available for FRG volunteers only. Sign-in will begin 30 minutes before the class. Parents must bring their child's shot records.

Pre-registration is required for the workshop and childcare.

Getting Your Family and Life Back to Normal after Deployment from noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 18. This is a workshop for Soldiers and family members who have recently returned from deployment.

Free childcare will be available. Sign-in will begin 30 minutes before the class. Parents must bring their child's shot records.

Pre-registration is required for the workshop and childcare.

Yea! My Parent is Back From Iraq from 9:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 23. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

This is a workshop for youth 5 to 18 years old who are reuniting and adjusting to their parent being home from deployment. Participants will be separated into age-appropriate groups and will share and express how they feel about deployment and reunion through discussions, games and skits.

For information on classes, call Sonya Brown, Family Readiness Center Coordinator, at 239-9435.



A pretend terrorist stands in a tall grass prairie field waving a doll and a bunch of flowers while shouting "I love America" before dropping both, picking up his paintball weapon and attacking a small convoy of Fort Riley Soldiers.

By Christopher Selmek

19th PAD

An exercise at Fort Riley Sept. 15 painted a clear picture for the 20 Soldiers ambushed by enemy forces.

The Soldiers of Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion, were pelted with paint balls fired by civilian aggressors from Kohn Extreme Sports in Manhattan. It was all in fun, but showed the Soldiers very realistically what they might face in such attacks.

The company formed two High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (Humvees), two Armored Personnel Carriers, a Command Post Carrier and a five-ton truck into a convoy that traveled a route laid out with five contact scenarios that resulted in equipment and Soldiers being decorated with a barrage of multi-colored projectiles at each contact point.

"The purpose of the whole thing is to give the Soldiers a realistic perspective, because when something whizzes by your head your thinking patterns change completely," said 1st Lt. Eric Corbett, Co. C, 125th FSB, evacuation platoon leader.

"The process goes from the lowest private wondering should he shoot or not shoot to the convoy commander trying to call in for support while rounds are going by his head. I feel that there's nothing better than this to make people know what it really feels like to get shot at," he added.

Several days of preparation went into the exercise before any Soldier was allowed to participate. Soldiers receive instruction on basic convoy operations as well as the rules of engagement.

"We did a day of training which involved classroom instruction and Power Point,"



One of Co. C, 125th FSB's, Armored Personnel Carriers shows the painted scars of an ambush by paintballers enlisted to act as an aggressor force during a convoy exercise at Fort Riley.

Corbett said.

"The day before (the exercise), we went outside and did walking through battle drills. This morning (Sept. 16) we conducted the same thing with weapons in hand as a full dress rehearsal, and then we released the order, trying to conduct training as realistically as possible," he said.

All Soldiers were equipped with flak vests, Kevlar helmets and aviator gloves as body armor during the exercise. They also modified their protective masks for use as a paintball visor.

"Do not for any reason take off your pro-mask during this exercise," Corbett stressed during the safety briefing. "The only reason you should take off your mask is if you get a radio message with my name and my call sign for an administrative break."

"Believe me, if you've ever seen somebody get hit in the face with a paintball, you don't want

it" to happen to you, Corbett assured the Soldiers. Corbett is a paintball enthusiast.

The most important factor involved in this type of training is safety, Corbett said. Several different precautions were taken before the convoy left the motor pool.

"Safety kill range on these weapons is 10 feet," Corbett said. "If you're within 10 feet, don't shoot; say 'safety kill.' If you shoot these within 10 feet, you're going to hurt someone. Also, no vehicle should move to any position within 30 feet of a suspected Oposing Force position."

Corbett urged his Soldiers to "maintain a constant awareness of where you are. Keep in mind this is not laser MILES and pop up targets. These are real, highly motivated and a little bit crazy dudes out there, trying to kill us."

MILES is the Army's laser engagement system that simulates

wounds and fatal shots with beeping sounds set off when a laser fired from another weapon hits a sensor worn by Soldiers.

Soldiers were issued 400 paintball rounds each. "We're going to put an extra bag in each vehicle and you reload yourself," Corbett said. "Please, fingers off the trigger once you load them."

The crew performed a few final preventive maintenance checks and ensured their radios were working properly before proceeding into the training area.

"Commo is also an issue," Corbett said.

"As soon as we're hit, everybody get out of the vehicle," Corbett instructed his Soldiers for the final contact point, which would become a ground battle. "This is a full force on force contact, all of us versus all of them."

"The training value of the previous contacts is that you know what it feels like to get shot," he

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Anderson said.

The convoy came under fire five times at five separate locations. Splashes of pink, blue, green and yellow paint covered the vehicles and indicated where Soldiers and their attackers had been hit. Seeing where a person had been hit was what made this exercise beneficial, Anderson said.

"It's more realistic training. You're getting shot at, stuff is hitting all around you and the guys actually get to see their Kevlar with all the splats on it and know where they got hit," he said.

The Soldiers and their attackers said they had fun and would like to participate in similar exercises in the future.

"They really enjoyed it, though it was a good training tool for military and themselves. They all had a blast," Anderson said.

"Hopefully there will be a next time. I hope we can do an urban scenario. That'd be fun," Jake said.



Soldiers of Co. C, 125th FSB, advance on the ground as they battle civilian paintball terrorists Sept. 15.



Soldiers of Co. C, 125th FSB, defend their Armored Personnel Carrier from paintball terrorists. Paintballs were used to give a realistic touch to a convoy ambush exercise.



Commentary

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

What have you learned since being in Iraq?



"Soldiers work much better than advertised. They work extremely hard with arduous conditions, long hours. With little complaint, they keep going back out there."

Maj. Aaron Kalloch
Operations Officer
1st Bn., 9th Cav. Regt.



"Always keep a bloody spare roll of toilet paper handy. The obvious thing is that you can always rely on the infantry, especially the blokes in the 1st Cavalry Division."

Maj. Peter Power
Australian JTF Liaison Officer
3rd BCT, 1st Cav Div.



"I've met new people. I'm away from my unit [and] all of the people that I talk with are nice."

Spc. Priscilla Rivera
Hqs. Co., 3rd BCT



"People here aren't so different. Certainly not as different as I would have thought coming over here."

Pvt. William Scott
Co. D, 1st Bn., 153rd Inf. Regt.



"One thing is learning more about the culture of the Iraqi people and understanding what they're going through and why they have some of the beliefs that they do."

Sgt. 1st Class Erica Washington
Hqs. Co., 3rd BCT

Next week's question:

Besides your family, what did you miss most while stationed in Kuwait, Iraq or Afghanistan?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Fridays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

Pen Points

Don't take coffee cup comment literally

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

I have a coffee cup on my desk -- filled with its readily black, energy bolstering imbibe -- that might give some people the wrong impression.

On the side it proclaims "I like my job..." When I tip it up to sip its contents -- which I do frequently -- someone in front of me can read "It's the work I hate!"

People who get to know me learn quickly that I don't hate my life's work. I love telling the Army's story and the stories of Soldiers and their families.

I keep the cup in my collection because it reminds me of all these special people I get to write



Mike Heronemus

about. Every time I pick up that cup I'm reminded that few people I've met in the Army hate their work or their Army life.

It takes special men and women to serve their nation these days. Not many laborers would willingly pack their gear at a moment's notice and spend two to three weeks in the field. That's 24 hours a day communing with the harshness of Mother Nature's elements and

the rigors of working all day and sleeping on the ground or on hot or cold metal for a very few hours before meeting the next day's challenges.

Soldiers leave the amenities of home at home when they go to the field, or worse, go to Iraq. They do that without demanding overtime pay, and they do that with a professionalism and dedication that always amazes me.

On the home front, families cope with the demands of national service and the separation from loved ones that often requires.

Army spouses and children do more than just accept the conditions served them on an olive drab

platter. They frequently polish that platter to a higher sheen and pile it high with their unique contributions to improve the fare.

I see Army spouses helping others get through difficult times by simply watching the neighbor's children for awhile. I see them volunteering with organizations that make life better for everyone in the Army -- Scouting, Red Cross, Family Resource Groups, too many to name.

And, every time I pick up that coffee cup, I'm reminded that I am surrounded by people who love their job as a Soldier or family member, and willingly swallow the bitterness of the demands that Army life frequently pours into their cup of life.

Leadership responsibility

NCOs key to winning war, peace in Iraq

By Roger W. Putnam
Army News Service

History has taught us many lessons about what to do after a war is won.

Germany and Japan are just two examples of defeated countries that rose from the ashes of defeat to become leaders in the international community with the direct assistance of the United States. In no small respect, the U.S. military's noncommissioned officers and their troops became the ambassadors of goodwill in these countries and played a major role in winning the hearts and minds of the people.

Earning the trust of the people is essential if any reconstructive effort or peacekeeping mission is going to be successful.

Today's problems in Afghanistan and Iraq are similar. The NCOs and their troops are the ones seen every day on the streets of the cities and towns. It

is their behavior that shapes the views of the local population and reflects what America is all about.

One of the hardest tasks for the NCO is to not blame all the people for the acts of a few. We have trained our Soldiers to be warfighters, and justifiably so, but America's Soldiers are still filled with compassion for children and the downtrodden.

It is difficult for the NCOs to see their Soldiers attacked by insurgents and not become cynical toward the populace. But, thank God, our NCOs have proved they have the values and ability to put those feelings aside and perform the acts of kindness we see them doing the world over, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan. Cynicism only undermines our ability to build a rapport with the population.

The NCO is instrumental in ensuring the populace understands America's values and that

it is a truly compassionate country. In Vietnam, our Soldiers built orphanages and schools, treated the sick and spent untold hours assisting the Vietnamese, even while being attacked daily by insurgents.

U.S. Soldiers have performed similar deeds in every conflict our country has been involved in, and the NCO has always been at the forefront of these activities. Without the NCO, many of these endeavors would not have succeeded, or even existed. The NCO has to be the positive influence in both peace and war. NCOs make things happen.

The NCO must always remember that planning is done at a higher level, but implementation of orders is an NCO responsibility. The NCO is responsible for teaching and training his or her subordinates, not only in warfighting techniques, but also how to approach

the populace, how to understand and appreciate their culture, and how to treat them as they would want to be treated.

Trying to understand the rules they live by is as foreign to our culture as ours is to theirs. A smile to civilians from one of our troops is a language that anyone can understand and lays a foundation that reconstruction can build on.

NCOs and their troops are crucial to showing the population that America liberates, not conquers; that we truly want to help their people gain a better life. It is imperative that NCOs realize that they are the key to winning not only wars, but also the peace.

Editor's note: Roger W. Putnam is a retired command sergeant major who participated in the occupation of Japan, the Korean War and two tours in Vietnam and served as the VII Corps command sergeant major in the early 1980s.

Future parenting

Army One Source offers helpful hints

With deployments, extended work schedules and frequent moves, a new baby in the family brings big change and new challenges. Many parents are surprised at how much extra work a tiny infant can create.

With the addition of a new baby to the family, the pattern of your life at home will change dramatically, and there is no manual for all the things you're likely to encounter.

Try fitting that in with your Army duties.

The pleasures of parenting far outweigh the pains. It can be a struggle and hard work, but getting to know a new child and watching him or her grow and mature under your care will probably be one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have.

Army One Source offers an

audio program called "Becoming a Parent" to help you with the adjustment. This 48-minute recording is available free to you just by calling Army One Source or ordering online.

The Becoming a Parent audio program features new and expectant parents discussing the adjustment to parenthood.

These busy working moms and dads talk about making the decision to start a family, pregnancy and work, adopting a child, the child care challenge, shifting priorities and the trade-offs and challenges new parents face every day.

The recording complements the information in the Becoming a Parent booklet also available by calling or ordering online.

For more information, log on to www.armyonesource.com or call Army One Source at (800) 464-8107.

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By Wayne Udden



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Walls of the old outpatient pharmacy at Irwin Army Community Hospital are being extended to increase space for staff and storage. Plans are to double space in the new waiting area, too.
Post/Hardesty



K-State ROTC officer picked to serve

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MANHATTAN — Lt. Col. Arthur DeGroat, professor and head of military science at Kansas State University, has been selected for a two-year term on the Congressionally mandated Army Education Advisory Committee, with service to the national ROTC sub-committee.

DeGroat was nominated by his ROTC commander in Colorado and was recommended and endorsed by K-State President Jon Wefald and Michael Holen, dean of the College of Education.

"In the past four years, Lt. Col. DeGroat has transformed Kansas State University Army ROTC into one of the top programs in the nation," Wefald said. "He has a keen strategic perspective, expert knowledge and tireless drive."

With this appointment, DeGroat holds one of only four committee chairs representing academic institutions in America. This is the first time a K-Stater has been selected to serve at this level in the history of this national military committee.

"This selection, for me, validates the fact that Kansas State University has re-emerged as a national leader in producing Army officers of excellence," DeGroat said.

Pharmacy set to re-open in November

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

Construction combining the Irwin Army Community Hospital in- and out-patient pharmacies into one larger drug dispensary is

scheduled for completion in late October.

The new pharmacy should be able to provide better customer service and shorter waiting times, according to hospital officials.

Initial renovations began in

May for the planned six-month project.

"Once the construction is complete, we will have approximately two weeks of cleaning the construction area to hospital standards, stocking supplies, putting the security system in place and setting up the waiting room furnishings before we will re-open the pharmacy," said Frank Harrison, health facilities project officer.

"While we have made modifications to the initial construction plans, those modifications were at no cost so the project is still on budget — \$750,000 in renovation costs and \$200,000 in transition set-up costs and furnishings," Harrison said.

The final project will have moved walls outward from their location at the old outpatient pharmacy. That nearly doubles the pharmacy space that was available.

The waiting area is being nearly doubled as well.

Filling an average of 450 pre-

scriptions daily, "the larger area should reduce wait times," said Maj. Gerald L. Dallmann, the hospital's chief of logistics. "There will be a stairwell in the pharmacy allowing access to the basement storage area. It is the little things we have added that will help lessen the wait."

"We know the wait time for prescriptions could be better," said Maj. Teresa Sapp, chief of pharmacy. "Previous to construction, we had three prescription windows to service patients. We added one in the transition pharmacy in the basement and the newly renovated pharmacy will have six windows to service customers once it opens."

Additional windows mean quicker service as long as staff is available to man the windows, she said.

Patients currently wait up to 30 minutes for their prescriptions to be filled at the transition pharmacy. Once the renovated pharmacy opens, Sapp said she expects the wait to be 25 minutes or less.

"The added room gives the pharmacy a more efficient layout," said Rashad Rajab, the hospital's facilities manager, adding that the pharmacy and waiting area will be more aesthetically pleasing.

"We will have staggered windows that will be patient friendly while providing a more private environment," Rajab said.

Sapp explained that the waiting area will seat at least 40 patrons and will be located in front of the pharmacy windows.

The new pharmacy will have more efficient lighting and better heating and air conditioning to reduce operating costs, said Harrison and Dallmann. Fire sprinklers have been added, along with a better security system.

Irwin Army Community Hospital is one of the oldest facilities in the Army inventory. It was built in 1955 under the military construction program and officially opened its doors in 1958. The clinics were added to the structure in 1975.



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Bare walls at right indicate where private counters will be located for patients picking up prescriptions in the remodeled out-patient pharmacy.

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Post news in brief

ID card center limits service

The ID card center will be closed to the public Sept. 28 and 29 to concentrate on serving Soldiers who are part of the Reserve mobilization.

Free seminar aims to help

Anyone thinking about starting a new business, buying an existing business or just wanting to improve his or her current business may attend a seminar sponsored by the Small Business Administration and the Army Career and Alumni Program.

The seminar is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 15 in the ACAP Center classroom, Room 7 in Building 210, on Custer Avenue on Main Post.

A variety of speakers will address such topics as creating a business plan, getting the money needed to start, record keeping, taxes, permits and marketing. Subject matter experts and advisors will be identified to provide continuing assistance after the seminar.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the seminar, call 239-2278 or 239-2248 or send email to acap@riley.army.mil.

Heating turn-on announced

Weather permitting, air conditioning at Fort Riley will be turned off beginning Sept. 27. Air conditioning in administrative buildings will be turned off first, followed by individual units in barracks, bachelor enlisted quarters and bachelor officer quarters, then the 8000 area, dining facilities and community buildings.

Heating will be turned on beginning Oct. 12, starting with barracks, BOQs and BEQs. The 8000 area will get heat next, followed by community buildings, administrative buildings, dining facilities and motor pools.

Family housing occupants control their own heating and air conditioning. The authorized temperature for the heating season is 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

TRICARE phones change

Irwin Army Community Hospital recently announced the following telephone number changes for TRICARE taking effect Oct. 1:

For appointments, urgent care, routine care, the nurse advice line or after hours, call (785) 239-3627 or (888) 239-3627.

For TRICARE benefit questions, medical authorizations or referrals for specialty care, claims status or the TRICARE service center, call (888) 874-9378.

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Patty said that the community on Meade Loop came together to support each other during the year-long deployment.

"We helped each other with things like doctor's appointments," she said. "We would barbeque and cook together."

Rachael Wichgers, friend and neighbor also wearing hunter's orange, said that working together made the community stronger.

While he didn't have a group of

people to help him stand out, Merlin Kynaston brought a bouquet of roses. Dressed in a suit, Kynaston waited for this wife, Capt. Anastasia Breslow-Kynaston, with the 1st Engineer Battalion.

Kynaston said being able to talk on the phone with his wife helped during the separation, but he was looking forward to being able to spend time with her.

"I'm going to enjoy eating her cooking, too," he added.



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Staff Sgt. David Foote receives an emotional welcome home by his family. Foote returned from a year-long deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom Sept. 19.

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Family and extended family members of 2nd Lt. Scott Payne, Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, pose with the white T-shirts bearing a big red one on the front and the lieutenant's name on the back as a way to catch Payne's attention Sept. 19 during the redeployment ceremony at Marshall Army Air Field.

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Post news in brief

Claims due within 70 days

Soldiers must submit claims for household goods shipment damage on DD Form 1840R (pink) to the Fort Riley claims office within 70 days of receiving their shipment, or the amount allowed for damage may be greatly reduced, according to representatives of the post's Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

The completed claim packet must be submitted within two years after delivery.

The claims office is located in Room 106 of Patton Hall, Building 200.

For more information, call 239-3830 or 239-2633.

Open season ends soon

Federal Group Life Insurance Program open season extends through Sept. 30 for eligible employees.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will provide informational materials to all workforce points of contact for dissemination to employees.

According to a recent ABC-C newsletter:

— Open season elections must be made via the Employee Benefits Information System, accessible via the ABC-C web site, or the Interactive Voice

Response System.

— Open season changes will be effective on or after Sept. 1, 2005.

— Employees in a non-pay status are eligible to participate if all other eligibility requirements are met.

Changes will not be effective until the employee is back in a pay and duty status.

For more information, call Cindy Colson at CPAC, 239-6004.

Mail class scheduled

An official mail training class will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at building 319.

Each unit or activity must have a primary and alternate official mail manager.

- Training requirements include:
 - Private Express Statutes, Non-Mailable Material,
 - Classifications of Mail, Special Postal Services,
 - International Mail,
 - Postage and Fees,
 - Penalties for Private Use,
 - Protection of Mail, Mail Surveys,
 - Addressing Mail and
 - Cost Saving Methods.
- Pre-enrollment is required. To enroll or for more information, call 239-5411 or 239-5200.

Other class dates are scheduled for Oct. 15.

Army board selects top Soldier, NCO

Intelligence analyst, Ranger trainer earn coveted titles

By Reebea Critser

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After a week of enduring physical and mental anguish, Staff Sgt. Andrew J. Bullock and Spc. Wilfredo A. Mendez took home the titles of 2004 Department of the Army Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year in a Sept. 17 ceremony at Fort Myer, Va.

"Never quit" was a motto instilled in the 20 candidates representing 10 major commands. But there could only be one winner.

Bullock is a Ranger instructor with the 5th Ranger Training Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga., and he represented Training and Doctrine Command in the competition.

Mendez is a signals intelligence analyst with Company A, 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Camp Humphreys, Korea. The 3rd MI Battalion is part of the 501st MI Brigade under the U.S.

Army Intelligence and Security Command.

"From the bottom of my heart, it's an experience of a lifetime," said Sgt. Russell Burnham, the 2003 Soldier of the Year. "It's demanding at times, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. There are no words to describe the opportunity or experience I had. It's a shame only one person can have it."

"It's a great opportunity and a chance to meet many Army leaders and make life-long connections," said his wife, Elizabeth Burnham.

During the week-long competition, which started Sept. 12, Soldiers competed in the Army Physical Fitness Test, written exam and essay, day and night navigation, warrior task testing, day and night weapon qualification, a six-mile road march, NBC fire and other events at Fort Lee, Va.

Then the Soldiers completed the last leg of the competition Sept. 16, in Crystal City, Va. - the

board, which was presided over by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston.

While waiting for the results, the Soldiers toured Washington, D.C., and attended a Spirit of America show at the MCI Center.

Then the time came to announce the winner at Fort Myer.

"All the competitors are here because they know what it takes to be a winner," Preston said before he announced the winners. "Take what you've learned in the past week and getting up to the event and apply it to your daily life."

Both the winners said they felt relief when their name was called.

NCO winner Bullock is a native of San Diego, Calif. He has deployed to Kosovo, Egypt and various rotations to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Joint Training Readiness Center, Fort Polk, La.

Mendez is from Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. He is working

toward a bachelor's degree in business administration and is a graduate of the Combat Life Saver Course and Airborne School.

Still limping from the road march at the award ceremony, Mendez said, "the whole week has been a perfect challenge. The battlefield replications and timed events are there to show you what you're made of."

"It's an extreme privilege to represent NCOs, especially those who are deployed, because I'm sure there are NCOs who wanted to be here but couldn't," Bullock said.

The next step for these winners is to accompany Preston in various travels as spokespersons for the Army.

"I'm looking forward to going with the sergeant major of the Army overseas and visiting troops," Bullock said. "They deserve more accolades — by far more — than I did here. They're putting their lives on the line."

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More family members reaping post program's benefits

Education center staff sees growth in spouse enrollment in skills enhancement courses

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

One college course can cost \$200 to \$500 for students — unless they're taking classes at Fort Riley; then they are free.

Soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians have the opportunity to take classes for college credit at no cost through the Leadership Skills Enhancement Courses program on post. The program even loans textbooks to students for free.

"Education is important. These educational opportunities are at no cost and extended not only to the military but to the civilian population as well," said Fred

Rodriguez, director of education at the Fort Riley Education Center.

While Soldiers have been the primary beneficiaries of LSEC in the past, the program has recently gained popularity with family members and Department of the Army civilians.

Enrollment in the LSEC program averages 700 to 800 people per six-week term, Rodriguez said.

"This program used to probably be 75 percent or more military. Recently, with all the deployments, it's really flipped. It's worked very well for the family members. This is a good opportunity for family members to take

classes while their sponsors are deployed," said Marian Moore, chief of academic programs at the Education Center.

Administered through Barton County Community College, LSEC offers a variety of courses for undergraduate credit.

Many of the courses offered fulfill general education requirements for most college degrees, including algebra, public speaking, history, psychology and English.

Courses transfer

Several LSEC courses will transfer to many colleges, including Kansas State University,

Moore said. Most schools, including BCCC, have guidelines on their Web sites that will tell whether the credits transfer and how they transfer, she said.

"An advantage of LSEC is that we generally try to offer courses that transfer to four-year schools. And the general education requirements, it's nice to get those out of the way at no cost," she said.

Originally designed by Department of the Army to build leadership skills for Soldiers, the LSEC program hasn't always offered courses for college credit.

In fact, this version of the program is only available at Fort Riley, Rodriguez said.

"Through the unique partnership with Barton County, we have expanded beyond that to a full-fledged program offering a variety of undergraduate courses," Moore said.

"When the Army first started to do this, they were trying to increase the basic skills of Sol-

diers — reading, writing, arithmetic. This then grew into an academic program," Rodriguez said.

Fort Riley's version of the LSEC program has gained a reputation at other military installations and become a model for other bases to follow.

"Other installations now are trying to figure out how to develop this partnership with the state in which they're located in," Rodriguez said. "We're sharing our knowledge."

Anyone interested in taking an LSEC course should visit with an education counselor, Moore said. Education counselors are available for Soldiers in Buildings 217, 7604 and 7656.

All others are encouraged to stop by Building 217 to visit a counselor and find more information on educational opportunities.

Soldiers need OK

Soldiers interested in taking LSEC must get their command-

er's approval before enrolling. Civilian employees must get permission from their supervisors. High school students must get consent from their counselors. Spouses wishing to take classes do not need prior approval.

A majority of the classes are around 90 minutes long and meet five days a week for six weeks. Some hybrid classes are available as well. These classes meet three days a week, and students do the rest of the work online.

Enrollment for the Nov. 1 to Dec. 16 term began Sept. 1 for Soldiers and Sept. 15 for everyone else. Course areas include history, math, computers, psychology and sociology.

Courses on basic Microsoft programs, such as Excel and Power Point, are available as well.

Overviews of Fort Riley's educational opportunities are available on Fort Riley's Web site. Click on Services, then on Education and Training, then on Leadership Skills Enhancement.

Tax duty requires planning

Soldiers offered two ways to file on income

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

A Soldier must think about many things when he deploys — childcare, storage of household goods and privately owned vehicles and more. Another thing that needs to be considered is filing federal and state income taxes.

Two tax-filing options are available for Soldiers. One is to have a spouse file the taxes while the Soldier is deployed.

"If a spouse of a deployed Soldier wants to get the taxes done before the Soldier returns, (she or he) needs to fill out form 2848," said Capt. Mark Oppel, legal assistance attorney. The IRS recommends that form be attached to tax forms filed by a spouse. The forms are available at the legal assistance office, but Soldiers must fill out the form before they deploy.

The second option is to wait to file until after the Soldier comes back. Soldiers returning from a combat zone have been granted a 180-day extension for filing, Oppel said. "Depending on the time of year they left, they may be

eligible for an additional 105 days to file. It depends on the Soldier's circumstances."

A variety of factors affect which option a Soldier picks.

"Chances are you are going to get a refund," said Capt. Jason Elbert, legal assistance attorney. "If you want your family to have that money while you are gone, then it's a good idea to fill out the form ahead of time. But if you want that money saved and waiting for you when you come back, then it would be better to wait and use the extension so that you come back to a little more money."

With either option, attorneys in Fort Riley's legal assistance office are available to help. Oppel said that spouses are always welcome to come to Patton Hall to have their taxes done.

"On form 2848 there is a line that allows the spouse to receive the tax refund. I recommend the Soldier reads that line closely to make sure they grant the proper authority to the spouse to receive the return."

If Soldiers decide to wait and use the extension, Oppel recommends that they come in and get

their taxes done as soon as possible, especially because the income is tax-free in a combat zone.

"Most likely, anything they have paid in they will get back," he said. "A lot of them will surprisingly qualify for earned income credit and that is very beneficial for Soldiers."

One thing to keep in mind when using the extension is that states will vary on extensions.

"Most states follow the federal rule, but it does need to be analyzed for each state as to whether the extension does apply" for filing state income tax, Oppel explained.

Soldiers need to bring several things with them for their tax appointment besides their W-2s. Oppel recommends bringing any tuition or related expenses, student loans information, interest income and dividends documents and dependent information.

Soldiers should also bring account information, including the bank routing number so that any refund can be electronically deposited.

To make a tax appointment, call 239-3117.

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Community news briefly

Postwide yard sale Sept. 25

Fort Riley's second postwide yard sale of 2004 will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 25. The public is allowed to shop for bargains throughout the post housing areas. People without Department of Defense vehicle registration deals will need to show a valid photo ID for each adult vehicle occupant, a valid vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance at post access points.

Day planned for cancer kids

The notion that kids with cancer deserve a little fun is the driving force behind Frontier Day, a free activity for Kansas kids who have or have had cancer and their families. Frontier Day is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Oct. 23. Children and their families will gather at Harvey County East Park just outside Newton, Kan., for old-fashioned covered wagon rides, pioneer games, crafts and a chuckwagon barbecue. The barbecue is at 4 p.m.

Children are being sought to take part in this year's event. Reservations are encouraged by Oct. 1. For information about attending, call the American Cancer Society office in Wichita at (800) 478-4788 or (316) 265-3400.

County slates flu vaccinations

Geary County Health Department will conduct a vaccination clinic as part of its bio-terrorism planning exercise Oct. 9. The shots will be given at Junction City High School, 900 N. Eisenhower Drive, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Flu shots will be given to Geary County residents, military family members and Department of Defense civilian employees wanting to receive them.

Jefferson named 'best'

The principal of Jefferson Elementary School received notification Sept. 16, from officials in the U.S. Department of Education that the school had been selected as a 2004 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School.

The Blue Ribbon program identifies and recognizes outstanding public and private schools that are making significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels.

The Blue Ribbon program recognizes schools with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance to high levels on state assessments, or schools whose students, whether from disadvantaged or privileged backgrounds, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests.

Jefferson Elementary is among 142 elementary schools selected nationally to receive the award.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Celebration offers fun, food, games

By Jamie Bender
Staff writer

After spending the day enjoying Apple Day and Fort Riley's Open House, Soldiers and their families are invited to a free dinner in their honor at Riley's Conference Center.

The Soldier Celebration will begin at 7 p.m., with a dinner of bratwurst, baked

beans, coleslaw and various other dishes, said Beth Ernst, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing manager.

"The bratwursts are donated about the rest of the food," Ernst said.

"The dinner is free for military ID card holders. If a Soldier would like to bring a guest who is not an ID

card holder, the cost is \$5. A cash bar will also be available.

The Soldier Celebration is geared for adults, Ernst said. "There will be gambling and alcohol will be served."

The theme for the celebration is "A Touch of Vegas in the Heartland." About 8 p.m., each person will be given \$8,000 play

money to gamble on games such as Black Jack, Roulette and Craps.

While folks are gambling, disk jockey Chris Monroe will be playing music.

The gambling will end about 11 p.m. and Soldiers will be able to use their (play money) winnings to bid on prizes, such as a big screen TV, stereos, hotel

stays and jewelry.

The evening is intended for just relaxing and getting reacquainted with your spouse, Ernst added. "It's for letting your hair down and forgetting about the real world for a couple hours."

A shuttle bus is scheduled to be available at the bowling center to take Soldiers from Custer Hill to Riley's Conference Center

and then to Rally Point.

Ernst said the evening is to show Soldiers how Fort Riley feels about them.

"We are proud of the job they do every day, whether it's spending time in Iraq or supporting other Soldiers back here," she said. "I want them to know that MWR and the community appreciate who they are and what they do."

Families play

Fun night raises bucks for school

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

About 500 people went out for a night of family fun at Custer Hill Elementary School Sept. 17. Family Fun Night's goal was to raise money for a new playground.

"It went great," said Tim Stuck, student support monitor and Family Fun Night coordinator. "We did a little better than we expected to do."

"Everything I've been to like this before has always worked out good. It's a chance to get to do something with the family and raise money," said Shelly Kirk, whose two

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Alexis Zelek, second-grader at Custer Hill Elementary School, makes a beaded bracelet.



Misty Smith, fifth-grader at Custer Hill Elementary School on Fort Riley, rides through the bicycle course set up by members of the Military Police Bike Patrol.

Board selects SJA's Maxwell

Employee to fill term for schools

By Gail Parsons
The Daily Union

Geary County Unified School District 475's Board of Education unanimously

selected a Fort Riley civilian employee to a vacant seat on the board.

Daphne Maxwell, who works in legal administration at the Staff Judge Advocate's Office, fills the unexpired seat vacant since the May death of Marlene Lochamy.

Board president Lamont Godsey and board member Mark Roeser said the board considered three candidates, all of whom would have been excellent choices. The board declined to name the other two candidates for the opening.

Maxwell said she expects to run next spring for the seat she fills temporarily.

Maxwell's history with the district began when her family moved to the area when she was in the third grade. She graduated from Junction City High School in 1977; her son, Mardell, graduated from Junction City High School in May.

"I'm really excited for her to be on the board," Godsey said.

Maxwell has served on several local boards and councils dedicat-

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Daphne Maxwell

Soldier talent wows audience at auditorium

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Talent packed the rucksack that was the 2004 Army Soldier Show to overflowing Sept. 14 and 15. An appreciative audience stood, applauding continuously, as each of the cast members and performers introduced themselves before the final two numbers in the 90-minute show.

Bancroft Golding, a recent retiree living and working in Junction City, said after the show that he always attends the Soldier Show performances and this year's show was as great as all the previous ones he's seen.

"The Army's got some great, talented Soldiers," he said.

This year's show wove a theme

throughout the musical performances that ranged from country, to "golden oldies," to current popular rock, to percussion and gospel numbers. In song selection and set graphics, the show offered the audience a visual and audio message describing "The Heart of a Soldier."

For most, the show was an uplifting experience. At least one spouse whose husband is stationed in Korea decided against going. Much of the show depicted the longing of Soldiers and loved ones at home to be reunited and sadness at being separated.

This spouse said she already had been in a blue mood and was afraid that part of the show would emphasize the loneliness she felt.

On stage, much of the music was upbeat even though it hung

on the memories Soldiers and their loved ones often have of happier times together. Much of that loneliness took a back seat at McCain Auditorium during the show's flash backs to happier days when "American Bandstand" was popular on TV.

As each performer or group of performers imitated popular stars of that bygone era, cheers, applause and an occasional shout testified to the good time being had by those in the audience.

"Each year the show gets better and better," said Cathy Donkers from Wamego. Her husband is retired and she has been attending Army Soldier Shows for the past 20 years.

Her friend, Tina Goehring, also from Wamego, said she thought this year's show "was excellent."



Sgt. Brian Archer (left), 399th Army Band, and Pfc. Jacob Cayouette, Company C, 17th Signal Battalion, Larson Barracks, Germany, trade beats while performing a percussion number reminiscent of a scene in "Drumline."





Army seeks operations artwork

Best art, photography, film entries earn artists cash awards

Staff report

Department of the Army wants artwork depicting "Enduring & Iraqi Freedom" and plans to present prizes for the best entries in the contest going on now through Oct. 16.

Entries may be submitted through the Fort Riley Arts and Crafts Center by people in one of three categories: adults age 17 and older and children in grades one through six or in grades 7 through 12.

Adults winning first, second or third place in their categories will receive \$75, \$50 and \$25, respec-

tively. Certificates will be presented for entries receiving honorable mention.

Twelve first places, 12 second places and 12 third places will be awarded in children's categories. First prize is worth \$25, second prize is worth \$10 and third prize is worth \$5. Certificates will be given to entries judged honorable mention.

Artwork may be entered in a variety of media: drawings, prints, water base painting, oil base painting, mixed media or photography.

For drawings, the artist may use pencil, brush, pen and ink, crayon, chalk or scratch board.

Print entries include etchings, lithographs, linocuts, wood blocks and silk screens with the same dimensions as drawings.

Water base painting entries may be done in acrylic, watercolor, gouache or tempera.

Mixed media in two dimensions must be flat graphic presentations no more than one-half inch thick. Every part of a collage must be secure enough to withstand continuous handling. Materials that are heavy, bulky or fragile will not be accepted.

Photography entries will include black and white or color prints, digital images and short films.

Digital images will be judged with regular photos and all entries must be the original work of the contestant.

Copy prints of unique originals, e.g., from Polaroid or alternative processes, may be submitted in lieu of the original image with notation to that effect on the entry form.

Entries must have been made within the last year and items prepared as official duty illustrations, training aids or special assignments are not eligible.

Short film submissions should be made on 8mm or 16mm film, 1/2-inch VHS tape, CD-ROM or DVD disk.

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ed to school improvement. She also was appointed last year to a governor's task force to examine education in Kansas.

"My passion stems from being a product of the system and having received a quality education," she said.

"My greatest joy has just been working directly one-on-one with the students (as a classroom volunteer)."

She also has worked in USD 475's special education department.

Maxwell twice ran for election to the school board and hopes now that she can bring to it "a fresh look, a fresh set of ideas. Not to change anything but to enhance what I already think is great," she said.

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Community news briefly

Strings program gets under way

Fall semester registration for the Junction City and Fort Riley Strings Program began Sept. 21. The strings instruction program is for students interested in playing violin, viola, cello or double bass.

The fee is \$50 per semester payable to USD 475. Students must provide their own instrument and music.

For more information, call Laura Bradshaw at 539-8781.

Red Cross seeks recipes

The American Red Cross at Fort Riley is collecting recipes for a cookbook. Cooks may submit their favorite recipes in several ways: send e-mail to redcrossrecipes@yahoo.com, fax them to 239-1812, mail to P.O. Box 2305, Fort Riley, KS 66442 or drop them at the office in Building 7264.

Contributors should include their name and organization on each recipe.

Trooper Pride parents to meet

A Trooper Pride Parents meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Fort Riley Middle School Media Center.

Trooper Pride is an organization open to parents, staff and community members. Its mission is to support Fort Riley Middle School, promote positive communication between the school staff and the community and to contribute to the learning of all the school's students.

For more information, call the school at 784-4475.

Enlisted club plans meeting

The Enlisted Spouses' Club's general membership meeting for members and anyone interested in joining the club will start at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Armed Services YMCA, 111 E. 16th St., Junction City. For more information, send e-mail to laneya28@yahoo.com.

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Alex Goff, a fifth-grader at Custer Hill Elementary School, gets dunked by his brother at Family Fun Night.

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daughters attend Custer Hill Elementary.

To help raise money, several classes made baskets filled with prizes for a raffle, including third grader Alicia Anderson and her fellow classmates.

"We put in pizza and stuff in there and then there's this air thingie, yeah, shrink-wrap around it," she said.

Several fifth-graders volunteered to be dunk tank victims, including A.J. Montesano.

"First it was freezing cold, because that was my first time in the dunk tank, and it was really, really, really cold. I was dunked around 10 or 11 times," he said. "I guess it was worth it, for being bad for all the years we've been at Custer Hill."

"I think that's all that my oldest daughter's been worried about the whole time, getting in there for six minutes," said Kirk as she watched her daughter get dunked.

Several inflatable games were available, including Anderson's favorite, the Ironman obstacle course.

"There's tunnels and everything and a giant slide. It was a lot of fun," she said.

Other games and activities were available, including hair and nail painting and beadwork.

In addition, members of the 300th Military Police Company and MP Bike Patrol were on-hand to give out baseball cards, register bicycles, put bike riders through an obstacle course and showcase two Humvees.

"We came out here and passed out baseball cards — those went right away — and basically to show kids that they shouldn't be afraid of the police, and that if they have any problems they can come up to us," said Patrol Supervisor Sgt. Josh Limanen of the 300th MP Co.





Riding helps fill time

Members see better days ahead for club

By Amanda Wiltse
KSU intern

Juggling responsibilities of homes, family and military duties, a group of Fort Riley horse riders also manage to organize riding activities and care for a 47-horse pasture on post in their spare time.

The Fort Riley Riding Club, located at Camp Forsyth, has existed for as long as club member Joyce Strait can remember.

Strait and her husband, Rich, have been members of the club since 1979, before Rich retired from the Army.

Karin Trapp and her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Brian Trapp, have been members of the club for several years.

The land, which is leased by the Fort Riley Riding Club from the Corps of Engineers, has been used for numerous years for stables, paddocks and pasture for 47 horses, Strait said.

All of the horses are individually housed in a small stable that sits on a 30- by 60-foot paddock. The horses also have 74 acres of pasture they can run in.

Owners care for own

Each owner is responsible for his or her own horse during the week, but on the weekends, members will rotate and take turns feeding and caring for the horses.

Because all the members work the land themselves, the price of membership is fairly cheap, Strait said.

To be a part of the club, new members must pay \$120 per horse when they join. After members pay that initial fee, they will receive a paddock and half a shed for \$50 a month.

The horse's food and care is the owner's responsibility.

"The club is cheap to join, but you have to work hard. We're out here four to five hours a day taking care of our horses. It seems like we live out here," Trapp said.

Strait said that even though working with the horses can be backbreaking, it's not nearly as difficult as some of the rough financial times the club has had to endure.

Several years ago, lack of membership hit the club hard and Strait and her husband tried any way possible to keep the club in existence.

"When the club was not doing well, Joyce and Rich had to pay for a lot of expenses out of their own pockets," Trapp said.

Strait said the riding club is thriving now. She has a list of families who want to join the club, and the club has earned enough money from membership dues to buy a truck, tractor and mower.

Although the riding club is prospering, its members have felt some loss.

In January, former club president Sgt. 1st Class James T. Hoffman was killed during an improvised explosive device attack in Khalidiyah, Iraq.

The riding club decided to

honor Hoffman by having a riderless horse walk in Junction City's Independence Day parade.

According to the Army's Web site, the riderless horse bears an empty saddle with rider's boots reversed in the stirrups at a Soldier's funeral.

The riderless horse is one of the oldest military traditions and symbolizes that the dead Soldier will never ride again.

Trapp said the riding club members thought the riderless horse was the ultimate gesture to honor their fellow horse lover and fallen Soldier.

Public misunderstanding

Strait and Trapp said they were shocked at the reaction of some people when they saw the riderless horse.

"People were making fun and saying that the rider fell out of his boots. Most of them didn't know any better, but they still hurt our feelings," Strait said.

Trapp also had to face some difficult times when her husband was deployed in Iraq. Trapp said that she kept herself busy by spending time with the riding club and her horses.

"What really kept me going was having my horses here," Trapp said.

Strait said she considers the riding club her ideal place to get away from everyday stress.

"It's a wonderful place to be. We all take pride in this facility," Strait said.



Umm-umm, good apple pie

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley members are fixing their renowned frozen apple pies. Orders will be accepted for the \$7 pies until Sept. 29. To order, download an order form from applepies2004@aol.com or send the purchase price with your name and phone number (e-mail address, if available) to Alicia Broadwater, 24A Sheridan Avenue, Fort Riley, KS 66442. Frozen apple pies can be picked up Oct. 1 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or between 4:30 and 7 p.m. at Building 404 on the corner of Holbrook and Pershing on Main Post. Some frozen pies will be available at the same time for purchase by people who have not pre-ordered.

Post file photo

Club Beyond plans arrests to raise funds

Staff report

Club Beyond, the post youth group sponsored by the Command Chaplain's office, plans to hold a mock jail fundraiser Oct. 2 on the grounds of St. Mary's and Main Post Chapels.

Deputies, students and parents, will be "arresting" friends, family members, commanders, Soldiers or whoever else is left for suggested donations of \$5 from the person requesting the arrest.

The rascally varmints who get "arrested" will have the choice of spending 20 minutes in jail or paying a bail of a suggested donation of \$10.

Get out of jail free cards will be

available for purchase by those commanders and others who might feel like their Soldiers or friends will continually have them thrown into jail.

These are available for a suggested donation of \$15 and are good for the whole day.

Proceeds will help some students go on a mission trip to Mexico and others to go to summer camp.

All participants must live on or be found on Fort Riley and have a good sense of humor to participate.

Each deputy will have a form to fill out describing the whereabouts of the varmint to be "arrested" and who is issuing the

warrant to help in locating the detainee.

This fundraiser is meant to be fun and not to offend anyone, a club representative said.

Club Beyond is a nondenominational youth group that meets every Sunday night in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel.

Middle school age students, grades 6-8, meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and high school age students meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Jason Grogan, Club Beyond director, at 210-6240, or watch for deputies Oct. 2 during the Apple Day and open house festivities.

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Community news briefly

Awareness class slated

A "Suicide Awareness for Family Members" class is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

Pre-registration is required for the workshop and for childcare.

The primary goal of the class is to inform, educate and prepare Family Readiness Group advisors, leaders and concerned community members to recognize and assist others in their community who may be at risk of suicide.

For more information or to register for the class, call Sonya Brown, family readiness center coordinator, at 239-9435.

Crafts center sets classes

Sept. 26 - 1 to 4:30 p.m., scrapbooking get together

Sept. 27 - 6 p.m., basket weaving

Sept. 27 - 7 p.m., crochet, knitting and cross stitch

Sept. 28 - 6 to 9 p.m., intro to matting and framing

Sept. 28 - 6:15 to 8:45 p.m., beginning sewing

Sept. 28 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., wood class (book shelves)

For more information, call the Arts and Crafts Center at 239-9205.



Photos by Deb Barnes



Field learning

Above: Fort Riley Middle School students take measurements at Kings Creek during the geomorphology investigation they conducted recently under the guidance of a Konza Prairie docent (at left). Students taking part in the project collected specimens and identified macroinvertebrates in Kings Creek. Students in Deb Barnes' science classes have kept data for five years for research tracking the invertebrates that are present in the fall and in the spring. The geomorphology research involved taking measurements from one bank of the creek to the other and measuring the thaweg (deepest point) of the creek.

At left: Rachel Potter-Leavitt works on taking an accurate measurement with a docent at Konza Prairie.

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Sports news in brief

Club hosts championship

Custer Hill Golf Course Club Championship is scheduled for Sept. 25-26. A sign up sheet is located at the golf course for those interested in participating.

Saturday's round can be played at 8 a.m. Sunday's players will be provided a tee time. Players will be put into flights based on their scoring Saturday. A "bump" rule will be in effect for Sunday's flighted play.

Interested golfers may call the golf course at 784-6000 to sign up.

Gift certificates to expire soon

Gift certificates from Custer Hill Golf Course will expire with the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30. Anyone with a gift certificate has until Sept. 30 to use it. For more information, call the golf course at 784-6000.

Blue Jays collect food

Junction City High School will collect non-perishable food items at Blue Jay home football games Oct. 1 and 15. Fans may contribute the food in boxes available at the gates. The food will be given to the Geary County Food Pantry. For more information, call Bob Hellerud, the high school athletic director, at 258-1309.

Range hosts monthly shoot

Spectators can witness long range shooting as it was done on the American frontier in buffalo hunting days and black powder gunnery can compete in the State Silhouette Black Powder Cartridge Range Match Sept. 25-26.

The event takes place near Glasco, Kan., 2 miles south and 1 1/4 mile west of the junction of U.S. Highway 81 and U.S. Highway 24. The match begins at 8 a.m. each day.

For more information, call (785) 568-2388.

Classes offered at field house

Aerobics classes at King Field House are scheduled for: Sept. 20 - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27 - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aerobics classes cost \$2 per class if paid in advance. October and November classes will cost a total of \$10.50.

No classes will be conducted Oct. 11, Nov. 11 or Nov. 25 because of holidays.

For more information, call 239-2813.

State offers free licenses

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will offer Kansas residents who also are members of the Kansas Army or Air National Guard free hunting and fishing licenses and free state park permits beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Application forms for the 2005 licenses will be available in November and can be downloaded from www.kdwp.state.ks.us. The forms must be signed by the member's unit commander and mailed to KDWP with photocopies of appropriate documentation.

Women reclaim softball crown

Fort Riley slugger hits homer in 5th inning, two-run RBI to seal victory

By Claudia Berwager
Sports specialist

Army women recaptured the gold medal in the 2004 Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship Sept. 13-18 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Air Force and Army were tied with 6-2 records going into the last game of the triple round-robin

tournament. Each had lost only to each other and to the Navy.

Both prior games between the two were one-sided slugfests. Air Force won the first game 22-9. Army countered the next day to defeat Air Force 22-4.

A partial crowd attended the final game, eager to see their favorite team - the Air Force - claim a three-peat title for their

women's team.

Army jumped to a 10-run lead at the top of the first inning powered by a three-run homer by Kaiserslautern's Amy Hawkins. It only took until the next inning, however, for the "fly girls" to overtake the Army 13-12.

The game turned touch and go with each team matching the others' score through the fifth inning.

Fort Riley's Tammy Baldwin and Sarah Wuestney from Fort Lee homered in the fifth and Fort Huachuca's Rachel Smith added six runs with three-run homers in the third and fourth innings.

The sixth inning proved to be the clincher. Army's 11-run streak in the top of the sixth was powered by eight solid hits in a row and then Baldwin sealed the

deal with a two-run shot.

Air Force only countered with three runs in the bottom of the inning and couldn't overcome the 12-run rule deficit, securing Army's win with a score of 36-24.

The All-Tourney team featured four Army Players: Baldwin at shortstop, Hawkins in the outfield, Smith at First Base, and Mannheim pitcher Janet Wilson.

Flaggers play

Infantry team wins opener

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, recoiled from the first salvo Battery C, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, fired Sept. 20 to win their first flag football game of the season 30-22 at Sturgis Stadium.

The artillerymen came to their third Northern League game with a 1-1 record. They lost their opener 38-6 to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 125th Personnel Support Battalion, Sept. 15. After an hour break, they defeated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 34-26.

The artillery intercepted a pass on the third play of the game and ran nearly half the field to inflict its first wound on Co. A. The 10-yard extra points attempt was good and Btry. C led 8-0.

Co. A failed to advance on their next series of plays and punted the ball.

The Artillery opened the second quarter of play with a touchdown pass from about a yard in front of the end zone and followed that with two extra points to lead the Infantry 16-0.

Co. A regrouped and began to spread the field, Coach Chris Cearlock said. The quarterback settled down, Cearlock added, and the Infantry's offense



Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.'s, Jose Gonzalez blocks a pass near the end zone, saving what could have been a touchdown by Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA's, Rubin Benford.

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'Cats prepare to meet Aggies

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

The Kansas State University Wildcats ended non-conference play Sept. 18 with a 40-20 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette at home.

Running back Darren Sproles broke 4,000 yards rushing in his career with 292 yards on 38 attempts, including a 35-yard touchdown run. He set the school single-game record, topping his previous best of 273 yards against Missouri in 2003.

Sproles moves past Cedrick Benson (4,075) and Quentin Griffin (3,938) into second place on the Big 12 career rushing chart with 4,211 yards. He needs 1,079 yards to pass Ricky Williams, who sits in first place with 5,289 yards.

Problems still plagued the defense, however, as the Cats gave up 342 yards of total offense to the Ragin' Cajuns.

"We still have a few assignments to correct, but those are the things we can take care of in practice. We just need to get that attitude back on defense," said defensive end Scott Edmonds.

The Cats take a break this weekend before starting conference play.

"We need repair time," Snyder said. "Coaches are normally like that, but the players are the other way around. Their preference is let's go play."

The team will travel to Texas A&M Oct. 2 to take on the 2-1 Aggies, who also have off this week. The game will be televised on TBS/Superstation at 6 p.m.

Longhorns trample middle school's Troopers

Visitor's offense runs over Fort Riley defense

By J.D. Hardesty
Staff writer

The Abilene Longhorns controlled the trenches, the clock and the game as they pounded out a 20-0 win against the Fort Riley Middle School Troopers in a seventh-grade football game on post Sept. 16.

Seven Abilene Longhorns combined for 177 yards rushing to control the tempo of the game. The Longhorns carved out 224 yards of total offense on 30 plays from scrimmage. Fort Riley managed 14 net rushing yards on the ground and 50 receiving yards on 25 offensive plays against the stingy Longhorn defense.

Down by 14 points early in the third quarter, Fort Riley's Michael Wilkerson saved a possible Long-

horn touchdown, catching Abilene's Curry Sexton down the left sideline on the 4-yard line after a 60-yard run, but the play was called back because of a penalty.

Four plays later, on second down and nine yards to go for a first down, Sexton ran up the middle, cut back left into the open and rammed 63 yards to the 3-yard line to position the Longhorns for their final score.

Longhorn fullback Lance Sherbert bulldozed in from the 1-yard line with less than three minutes gone in the third quarter accounting for the final 20-0 score.

The Troopers, whose record dropped to 1-2 for the season, found few scoring opportunities.

With Fort Riley struggling for the first two quarters, the Troopers started moving the ball mid-

way through the second quarter trying to get back into the game after Abilene quarterback Cody Womochil connected on one of his two pass on the day to Sexton for a 47-yard scoring strike that gave the Longhorns a 14-0 lead.

Armogen Walker returned the ensuing kickoff 17 yards to give the Troopers good field position near their 40-yard line. Walker and Xavier Westbrook combined for 17 yards on the ground with just under one minute to play in the half.

Fort Riley quarterback Zach Birschmeier hit Westbrook with a pass for a 33-yard gain deep into Longhorn territory with 44 seconds left in the first half, but Westbrook fumbled after the acrobatic catch to end the scoring

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Fort Riley Middle School running back Armogen Walker carries the ball for one of his 22 yards before being tackled by Alex Harris (8) and a host of fellow Longhorn defensive men during the Troopers 20-0 loss to Abilene Sept. 16.





Post/Hardesty

Spiking it

Fort Riley Trooper Samantha Hernandez jumps up to spike the set from Kalae Maio (middle) as Jenna McArthur and Michaela Johnson (behind McArthur) watch during warm-ups before Fort Riley "C" Team's loss to the Abilene Longhorns Sept. 16, on post. The Troopers lost two matches to the Longhorns in straight sets 11-25, 26-28 and 21-25, 18-25. The Troopers field five volleyball teams: A, B, C, D and an instructional team.

Gorillas blitz Trooper offense

8th-graders lose second game

By J.D. Hardesty

Staff writer

The Solomon Gorillas blitzed the Fort Riley Middle School to score a 33-6 victory in eighth-grade football against the Troopers playing their first road game Sept. 16.

"We just couldn't get outside the tackles," said Coach Mark Ellner about how the Gorillas put "eight to nine players in the box and blitzed all four linebackers" on nearly every play.

"They came out to start the game and hit us hard," he said. "We would get three plays on offense but no first downs. We just couldn't sustain a drive," he said.

The loss drops the eighth-grade Troopers' record to 1-2 for the season.

With Solomon's four linebackers blitzing, Trooper quarterback Andy Birchmeier "had no time to throw," he said. "Even the Goril-

las' cornerbacks were good. They kept all of the plays in front of them and wouldn't let any of our receivers open."

Ellner said Birchmeier was hurried or pressured throughout the game and was often throwing off his back foot to get rid of the ball quickly.

Birchmeier, who completed four of six passing for two touchdowns in a 30-22 victory against the Topeka Logan Raiders the previous Thursday, ran a fumble back 85 yards for the Troopers only score against Solomon.

"We just have to get our passing game back to be effective," Ellner said.

"Running back Chris Tombs could only manage 10 offensive yards for the afternoon because "no holes were opening up for the Troopers' running game," Ellner said.

"Solomon didn't do anything fancy," he said. "They just played power football between the tackles."

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threat.

The Longhorns' stifling defense jammed up the middle and put pressure on Birchmeier all afternoon, recording eight tackles for a loss of 21 yards.

Walker was caught in the backfield by the Longhorn defense on three carries for minus eight yards. Birchmeier was sacked or tackled on four plays for a loss of 10 yards.

Sexton led Abilene's offense with 95 yards rushing on seven carries. He scored on a 17-yard touchdown run to give the Longhorn a 6-0 lead with 39 seconds left in the first quarter and caught Womochil's only pass for a 47-yard touchdown.

Walker led the Troopers' rushing effort with 11 carries for 22 yards. Birchmeier ended the day hitting two of his eight pass

attempts for 50 yards and one interception.

"We took a few steps backward," said Trooper Coach Vic Garcia about his team's ability to get better with every game. "Our players need to do a better job of listening during practice and during games."

"Some of our players are still have a confusing time out on the field," said Garcia, who takes a teacher-first approach to the game. "They haven't jelled as a team."

"While our players are learning, they are learning in small steps," he said while assessing his student/players' football understanding and growth in his 100-yard grassy classroom. "Until we learn to listen and work together as a team, we will have a hard time getting better."

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Flaggers

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began to click.

About midway through the second quarter, the Infantry hit pay dirt with a two-pass play followed by two extra points to cut the Artillery's lead in half.

The Co. A defense perked up and intercepted a pass on the Artillery's second play from scrimmage, but the Infantry offense failed to score on an incomplete pass the last play of the half.

The Artillery started the first half on defense and elected to do the same at the start of the second half. The Infantry gave them reason to believe that might have been a poor choice, scoring on their first play from scrimmage with a run and double pass followed by a successful extra points attempt that tied the game at 16.

A pass and long run moved the Artillery within five yards of a score, but the Btry. C offense fell apart at that point and the ball went to the Infantry.

Co. A advanced from the 5-yard line to the 30 for a first down and crossed midfield for another first down on the next play. An on-the-mark pass bounced off the chest of an Infantry receiver near the goal line with no Artillery defenders close, delaying another Infantry score until the fourth quarter.

The game

Field is 80 yards long.

First downs earned when at least 20 yards gained.

Each quarter lasts 12 plays from scrimmage. Teams switch field position after each quarter.

Two-pass rule allows teams to pass forward twice anytime during the play and from any spot on the field, including beyond line of scrimmage.

Each team must start with seven players but can play with fewer players after the game is in progress.

Early in the final quarter, Co. A used a double-pass play to score again, but it failed to convert the extra points attempt and led 22-16.

Lack of frequent practices hurt the Btry. C team, said Coach Hector Ramos, but the Artillery offense rallied midway into the final quarter. It moved across midfield for a first down and then ran around the right corner for another first down on the 10-yard line.

Two incomplete passes put the Artillery guns facing a third down situation. A determined punch put Btry. C into the end zone for six points, but the extra points attempt failed and the game was knotted at 22.

With three plays remaining to play, Co. A shook off a deter-

mined Artillery defense to score on a pass from about 12 yards out and capped that with two extra points to lead 30-22.

Btry. C had one play left but an Infantry defender knocked down a Hail Mary pass to dash any Artillery hopes of tying the game.

After their quick offensive start, "we let down on defense," Ramos said. "We're going to have to improve on defense. We weren't talking to each other. We need to talk more."

Cearlock credited practice time for his team's success. "We're trying to practice Tuesday and Thursday. We had seven or eight practices before playing our first game."

Cearlock leads his team with several years' experience playing organized ball. He played four

Touchdowns

Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.

William Bryant (1)

Shawn Robinson (1)

Joseph Duarte (1)

Jose Gonzalez (1)

Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA

Hector Ramos (1)

Rubin Benford (1)

years in high school, four years in college and some semi-professional football.

A good man-to-man defense is important in flag football, Cearlock said, but "we had some plays we wanted to use and we made up others."

The Co. A team showed up with 17 players while Btry. C brought only 10 players. Cearlock said he thought being able to put fresh offensive and defensive teams on the field helped his team, too.

In the only other Northern League game played Sept. 15, HHD, 125th PSB, defeated Company A, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, 26-8.

In Southern League play Sept. 16, 10th Air Support Operations Squadron accepted a forfeit from the 300th Military Police Company; 523rd MP Co. defeated 596th Signal Company 7-0; and USA MEDDAC defeated Detachment D, 15th PSB, 18-12.



Shamar Ford carries the ball to midfield for Btry. C, 4th Bn., 1st FA, Sept. 19 after slipping by William Bryant (left) of Co. A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. The Infantrymen won their opener 30-22 against the artillerymen.

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America's Warfighting Center

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Leisuretime ideas

Council Grove:

Voices of the Wind People Pageant – Show depicts the settlement of Council Grove with Kaw tribe, the Santa Fe Trail and the coming of Euro-Americans; 7 p.m. Oct. 1-2; amphitheatre on Neosho Riverwalk.

For more information, call (620) 767-5410 or visit www.kawmission.org on the Web.

Salina:

Prairie Festival – 26th annual; barn dance and bonfire jam session, talks, music, tours, art and supper with Kansas-grown food; primitive camping facilities available; evening of Oct. 1, all day Oct. 2 and until noon Oct. 3; 2440 E. Water Well Road, The Land Institute.

For more information, call (785) 823-5376 or visit www.landinstitute.org on the Web.

Emporia:

Living History – 1860s Welsh farmstead comes to life, period dress, farm chores, music, blacksmithing, cider press, quilting, weaving and Civil War encampment; 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 2; 1315 E. Logan Avenue, Howe House and Farmstead.

For more information, call (620) 340-6310 or visit www.emporiachamber.org on the Web.

William Allen White Children's Book Award Celebration – Book signings, readings, award ceremony, parade and children's activities; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2; William L. White Arena and Emporia State University.

For more information, call (620) 341-5208 or visit www.emporiachamber.org on the Web.

Abilene:

Chisholm Trail Festival Days – 26th annual; celebration of county history including pioneer demonstrations, antique farm equipment, entertainment, arts, crafts and carousel magic; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 2; 412 S. Campbell St., Heritage Center.

For more information, call (785) 263-2681 or visit www.heritagecenterdk.com on the Web.

Beloit:

Solomon Valley Eagles Car Show – Car show with 100 entries; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 2; downtown.

For more information, call (785) 738-2952.

Andover:

Greater Andover Days – Carnival, parade, craft fair and concerts; 5 to 10 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 2; 1607 E. Central, Andover Central Park.

For more information, call (316) 733-0648.

Canton:

Mountain Man Rendezvous – Mountain men demonstrate 1800s lifestyle, primitive camps, trade goods, arts and crafts, buffalo tours, chuck wagon and bluegrass music; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1-2; Maxwell Wildlife Refuge.

For more information, call (620) 628-4455 or visit www.cyberkraft.com/maxwell on the Web.

Oklahoma comes to Kansas

Fort Riley actors join cast in popular musical production

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Five actors and actresses with Fort Riley ties spend a lot of time in make-believe Oklahoma these days.

The Army spouse, Iraqi War veteran, contracted and civilian employees and a mobilized Colorado National Guardsman are part of Junction City Little Theatre's musical production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" opening Sept. 24 for five performances.

The show, directed by John Triplett with Charles Volland as musical director, combines the talents of 26 singers, actors and dancers from Junction City, Manhattan, Clay Center and Fort Riley.

As an added attraction, Hickory Inn Barbecue will set up a barbeque wagon on the south side of the theater building on opening night for those who want to picnic before the show.

The a la carte meal will be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Junction City Little Theatre Guild will provide iced tea and lemonade for those who buy the meal. Reservations are requested. Please leave the message at 238-6220 when tickets are ordered.

Melissa Nangle, wife of Capt. Chad Nangle with the 541st Maintenance Battalion, said she's having a lot of fun in her first appearance on the Junction City Little Theatre stage. She is one of the chorus players.

The musical is familiar territory for Nangle. She played in the chorus of her Melrose (Minn.) High School production of "Oklahoma!"

She also played in the high school's production of "Camelot" and in "Arsenic and Old Lace" with the Antigo, Wis., community theater after graduation.

"I like it all, but I like musicals a lot," Nangle said before rehearsal Sept. 19. One reason Nangle said she likes musicals is because they have big casts and she gets to meet a lot of people. "The director (for "Oklahoma!")

'Oklahoma!'

What: Junction City Little Theatre musical production opening the theater's 54th season

Where: Junction City Little Theatre, 339 W. 18th St.

When: 8 p.m. Sept. 24 and 25, 2 p.m. Sept. 26, 8 p.m. Oct. 1 and 2

Cost: \$12 for adults, \$5 for students; tickets available at the door; people with an Oklahoma driver's license get \$1 off the ticket price

lives three houses up the street from me, and I didn't know that," she said.

Nangle devoted about half her rehearsal time at the theater learning a lot about painting sets. "I learned how to make things look old," she said.

Preparing for the performances has taken a lot of hours, Nangle said, "but they're fun hours because it's a good group of people."

Another member of the chorus, Cathy McDowall, came to Fort Riley last March with a Colorado Army National Guard unit. McDowall serves as a physical therapist at Irwin Army Community Hospital and said she expects to be their fingers crossed - until sometime in May.

McDowall's husband plans to drive from their home in Greeley, Colo., to see his wife in her first theatrical experience.

McDowall learned about the musical from the hospital's receptionist. "I've always like music and I sing with the church choir," so she tried out and made the cast.

The show also helps her fill time after normal duty hours, McDowall said.

After "Oklahoma!" closes in Junction City, McDowall said she plans to travel to Colorado in October so she can see her kids performing in the Greeley community theater's production of "Heidi."



Post/Heronemus
Melissa Nangle (left) and Cathy McDowall swirl their skirts and dance up to Jud Fry, played by Scott Deppish, during a rehearsal for Junction City Little Theatre's production of "Oklahoma!" The two women played can-can girls in this scene depicting a dream ballet going through the head of female lead Laurey, played by Jill Volland.

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3 x 10.5"

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Post/Heronemus
Will, played by Nathan Dibben, sings about getting married to Ado Annie, played by Shannon Yarbrough. Ado Annie begins to worry about what she will tell the peddler man she thinks also wants to marry her.

Cast

Janette Vogelsang plays Aunt Eller

Zoe Malcolm plays Curly

Jill Volland plays Laurey

*Thomas Macumber plays Slim

Ramone D. Lowe plays Mike

Kyle L. Smith plays Chalmers

Bill Powers plays Cord

Kevin Gladney plays Fred

Nathan Dibben plays Will

Scott Deppish plays Jud Fry

Shannon Yarbrough plays Ado Annie

*Daniel Sitterle plays Ali Hakim

Hayley Powers plays Gertie

Kelly Ballard plays Vivian

Florence Gatsche plays

Ellen

Kelly L. Lott plays Kate

*Melissa Nangle plays Sylvie

Karsen Wisherd plays Armina

*Cathy McDowall plays Aggie

Pilar L. Quinones plays Stella

Jennifer Stuck plays Iris

Natalie Vieyra plays Ruby

Danielle Peck plays Pansy

Jennifer Malcolm plays Dream Laurey

Marcus Field plays Carnes

Bill Malcolm plays Skidmore

*Cast member with Fort Riley connection